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Examiner Name	Arpad F. Kovacs
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Serial No.:	09/531,735	Examiner:	Arpad F. Kovacs
Filed:	March 21, 2000	Conf. No.	7129
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**AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action of October 19, 2004 and the Interview of May 6, 2005. This paper accompanies a Request For A Continued Examination (RCE).

This paper is submitted within the time period for filing an Appeal Brief. A two-month extension of time accompanies this paper, extending the time for a response to June 22, 2005.

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Please amend the patent application as follows.

Please charge any additional fees associated with this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1662.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins at page 3 of this paper. In these amendments, additions are underlined (____), while deletions are in the strikethrough format.